



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
<b>Date</b>	April 7, 2021
<b>Time</b>	0900
<b>Operational Period</b>	April 6, 2021 to April 7, 2021
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Region	
<b>Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	DDCs 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21, 23 & 24

**Current Situation:** The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently reporting a total of 2,408,440 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Texas which includes an estimated 69,241 active cases. An estimated 2,657,694 individuals have recovered from the virus and 47,822 confirmed COVID-19 related fatalities. Across Texas, a total of 21,736,673 COVID-19 molecular tests have been completed.

DSHS is also reporting, Texas has received and distributed a total of 19,397,865 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, which has been administered to 12,759,834 people in 254 Texas Counties.

Visit the DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information website:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>

Visit the Testing Sites Map online for testing locations near you.

<https://www.covidtest.tdem.texas.gov/>

View the Governor's Executive Orders issued:

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legLeaders/governors/displayDocs.cfm?govdoctypeID=5&governorID=45>

The Governor's Report to Open Texas.

<https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf>

Texas Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page. <https://www.texas.gov/covid19/>

The Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas and a list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates. <https://open.texas.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services Family Violence Program.  
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/family-violence-program>

Texas Health and Human Services Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).  
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-texans/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt-due-covid-19>

Texas Health and Human Services Mental Health and Substance Use Resources.  
<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/mental-health-substance-use-resources>

One Star Foundation, Texas COVID Relief Fund.  
<http://onestarfoundation.org/txcovidfund/>

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Help for Texans.  
<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>

Essential Services. <https://tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices/>

Help essential workers in Texas locate childcare and support childcare centers.  
<https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov/>

Special WIC Food Updates. <https://texaswic.org/about-wic/special-wic-food-updates>

Comfort Food Care Packages (CFCP). <https://www.txrestaurant.org/news/comfort-food-care-packages-feed-youth-and-families-need-and-stay-open>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. <https://www.cms.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services. <https://hhs.texas.gov/>

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid.  
<https://www.YourTexasBenefits.com>

To apply for unemployment benefits or to request payment  
<https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits-services>

On April 6, Governor Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$254 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of April as the state continues its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This SNAP extension for the month of April will ensure that Texas families can continue to put food on the table," said Governor Abbott. "Thank you to the USDA for this additional extension and for their ongoing partnership with the State of Texas."

"Texans have shown their resilience during the pandemic, and we are proud to help serve our state by providing SNAP recipients with these additional benefits," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

HHSC received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure all SNAP households receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotments. Households not currently receiving an emergency allotment will now receive an additional \$95 per month. Households currently receiving an emergency allotment that is less than \$95 will receive an additional allotment for the difference. Households currently receiving an emergency allotment of more than \$95 will not see a change in their benefits.

The emergency April allotments are in addition to the more than \$2.7 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans since April 2020.

Recipients will also continue to receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue monthly until September 2021. This additional 15 percent increase and the additional emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by April 30.

On April 6, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Division of Emergency (TDEM), the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Texas Military Department (TMD) have announced 46 counties participating in the sixth week of the Save Our Seniors COVID-19 vaccine initiative. The Governor announced the Save Our Seniors program in Corpus Christi last month to provide vaccines to seniors throughout the state. To date, 107 counties have participated in the program.

"The ongoing success of Save Our Seniors is thanks to the incredible collaboration of our local partners who continue to identify and connect these vaccine resources to elderly Texans," said Governor Abbott. "I look forward to our continued partnership with local officials across the state as we get more shots in arms and keep our communities safe."

As part of the Save Our Seniors program, TDEM and TMD work alongside local jurisdictions to set up a central drive-through vaccine clinics in each community or administer directly to homebound seniors — these decisions are driven by local officials as they identify vulnerable residents in their communities to participate in this program.

Counties participating in the sixth round of the program are Aransas, Bowie, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Coke, Dallas, DeWitt, Duval, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hockley, Hopkins, Karnes, Kinney, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Mason, Maverick, Orange, Palo Pinto, Rains, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto,

San Patricio, Shelby, Sherman, Sutton, Terry, Titus, Trinity, Upshur, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Waller, Webb, Willacy, Williamson, and Wood.

Many of these counties are participating for a second time in order to administer second doses to eligible residents. In coordination with local and state partners, counties and cities have been selected based on recent data provided from DSHS related to the following factors:

- The state looked at the number of approved providers serving the area.
- The state took into account total allocations over the previous 12 weeks.
- The state utilized data showing the least vaccinated counties for both 65+ and 75+ administered doses.
- The state focused on allocating vaccine equitably across the state.

Last month, Governor Abbott announced a new outreach partnership between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and several partners to enhance the state's Save Our Seniors program. The partnership includes the Texas Employee Retirement System, the Texas Teachers Retirement System, AARP, and Medicare health plans. Participating Medicare health plans include UnitedHealthcare, Humana, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. HHSC will work with these partners to launch a direct outreach effort through email, phone calls, and direct mail to encourage seniors to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and to provide them with the tools and information they need receive a vaccine.

On April 6, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order prohibiting state agencies or political subdivisions in Texas from creating a "vaccine passport" requirement, or otherwise conditioning receipt of services on an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status. The order also prohibits organizations receiving public funds from requiring consumers to provide documentation of vaccine status in order to receive any service or enter any place.

"Everyday, Texans are returning to normal life as more people get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. But, as I've said all along, these vaccines are always voluntary and never forced," said Governor Abbott. "Government should not require any Texan to show proof of vaccination and reveal private health information just to go about their daily lives. That is why I have issued an Executive Order that prohibits government-mandated vaccine passports in Texas. We will continue to vaccinate more Texans and protect public health — and we will do so without treading on Texans' personal freedoms."

On March 30, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Division of Emergency (TDEM), the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Texas Military Department (TMD) have announced 35 counties participating in the fifth week of the Save Our Seniors COVID-19 vaccine initiative. The Governor announced the Save Our Seniors program in Corpus Christi last month to provide vaccines to seniors throughout the state. To date, 98 counties have participated in the program.

On March 30, Governor Abbott and TDEM announced the creation of a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Program for Texas youth summer camps. This program will help summer camps that are licensed by DSHS to conduct rapid tests of staff and campers during the summer months. Through this program, TDEM will provide participating summer camps with COVID-19 rapid antigen tests that will be administered to staff and campers who volunteer to participate.

Youth summer camps that are licensed by DSHS and wish to participate in the program can apply [here](#).

On March 26, Governor Abbott and TDEM have requested an extension of the Federally Supported Community Vaccination Centers in Arlington, Dallas, and Houston. Originally launched in February, these federal pilot sites are based at E Sports Stadium, Fair Park, and NRG Stadium, and are part of a joint effort to support vaccination efforts in underserved areas. The sites are operated by FEMA in partnership with the state of Texas through TDEM and local officials.

TDEM submitted the request on March 22 for an extension of supplies, personnel, and vaccine. A request was also made on March 19 to establish a similar community vaccination site at the Alamodome in San Antonio. FEMA denied this request.

On March 26, Governor Abbott announced that ten million COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to Texans across the state, with over 30% of eligible Texans having received a vaccine. This significant milestone is a result of dedicated work by TDEM, DSHS, TMD, and the healthcare workers and volunteers across the state who have helped administer these vaccines.

Please visit <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/covidvaccine/> or call 2-1-1 for more information on where to find vaccine providers in your area.

On March 25, Governor Abbott announced a new outreach partnership between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and several partners to enhance the state's Save Our Seniors program. The partnership includes the Texas Employee Retirement System, the Texas Teachers Retirement System, AARP, and Medicare health plans. Participating Medicare health plans include UnitedHealthcare, Humana, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

On March 23, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, DSHS, and TMD have confirmed 25 participating counties for the fourth week of the Save Our Seniors initiative. The Governor [announced the Save Our Seniors program in Corpus Christi](#) in February to ensure more seniors are vaccinated throughout the state. Previously, [26 counties](#) participated in the first week and [34 counties](#) participated in the second week of the initiative. [Last week, 28 counties](#) took part in the program. To date, 88 counties have participated in the program.

Counties participating in the fourth round of the program are Caldwell, Camp, Crockett, Delta, DeWitt, Duval, Fayette, Hidalgo, Hunt, Jim Hogg, Kimble, Llano, Lynn, Maverick,

Milam, Montague, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Sherman, Starr, Titus, Tyler, Val Verde, and Zapata.

On March 23, DSHS announced that they have directed vaccine providers to prioritize people 80 years old or older when scheduling appointments and accommodate anyone in that age group who presents for vaccination, whether or not they have an appointment, by immediately moving them to the front of the line. That will ensure vaccination of anyone 80 or older with as small a burden on themselves as possible.

On March 16, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, DSHS, and TMD have confirmed 28 participating counties for the third week of the Save Our Seniors initiative. The Governor announced the Save Our Seniors program in Corpus Christi in February to ensure more seniors are vaccinated throughout the state. Previously, 26 counties participated in the first week and 34 counties participated in the second week of the initiative.

On March 9, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, DSHS, and TMD have announced 34 counties participating in the second week of the Save Our Seniors COVID-19 vaccine initiative.

On March 4, Governor Abbott and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced that the State of Texas will provide a "hold harmless" to Texas school systems for the rest of the 2020-2021 academic school year only. This means funding will be made available to school systems in Texas that have seen enrollment and attendance declines because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as long as they maintain or increase current levels of on-campus attendance. Districts will be funded on attendance in line with projections made prior to the public health crisis. This will ensure that school systems in Texas can retain their teachers for the 2020-21 school year for whom they originally budgeted. This final semester of hold harmless means districts have been held harmless for three consecutive semesters — Spring Semester of the 2019-20 academic year and the entirety of the 2020-21 academic year.

On March 2, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order (GA-34) lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent.

On March 1, TDEM, DSHS, and TMD have announced 26 participating counties for the first week of the Save Our Seniors initiative.

On February 26, Governor Abbott and HHSC will provide approximately \$229 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of March as the state continues its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recipients will also continue to receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue monthly until June 2021. This additional 15 percent increase and the emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by March 31.

On February 25, Governor Abbott held a press conference in Corpus Christi where he announced the statewide Save Our Seniors initiative to vaccinate homebound seniors across Texas. During the press conference, the Governor also commended the Corpus Christi Fire Department, Meals on Wheels of Corpus Christi, and the City of Corpus Christi for the success of their homebound senior vaccination program which serves as a model for the statewide initiative.

On February 11, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, in partnership with TMD, will deploy State Mobile Vaccination Teams.

On February 10, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is establishing mass community vaccination sites in the DFW Metroplex and Houston.

On February 9, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has launched the Texas Rent Relief Program — the first statewide rent and utility assistance program for qualifying households throughout Texas. This program has been created to administer the more than \$1 billion allocated to Texas through the latest federal COVID-19 stimulus bill. TDHCA will begin accepting applications for the program on Monday, February 15th, but Texans can visit [TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.texasrentrelief.com) starting today to learn more about qualifications, required documents, and the application process.

On February 4, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, in partnership with TMD, is deploying State Mobile Vaccination Teams (SMVT) to five additional counties.

On February 4, Governor Abbott announced the extension of the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration.

On February 2, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will provide approximately \$300 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of February.

On January 28, Governor Abbott and TEA launched an online application for the Supplementary Special Education Services (SSES) program, which allows eligible families of children with significant cognitive disabilities and complex educational needs to apply for a \$1,500 online account to be used in the SSES marketplace.

On January 27, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has deployed 80 military medical personnel to assist in the COVID-19 response in Abilene, Lufkin, and Eagle Pass.

On January 27, Governor Abbott and TDEM announced the creation of the State Mobile Vaccine Pilot Program to ramp up COVID-19 vaccination efforts in underserved areas of Texas.

On January 25, Governor Abbott announced that the TDEM, in partnership with the City



of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Covenant Health System, and UMC Health System, has established an Alternate Care Site in Lubbock to expand hospital capacity in the region.

On January 25, Governor Abbott also announced that TDEM has expanded the COVID-19 therapeutic infusion center in Austin. With added support provided by TDEM, including 24 additional infusion chairs, staff, and medical equipment, the infusion center will be able to increase capacity to treat a greater number of COVID-19 patients each day.

On January 22, Governor Abbott and TDEM announced the expansion of the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Program for front line workers at Texas small businesses by dedicating 1 million BinaxNow Rapid Tests to the program.

On January 22, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS and TDEM have surged medical personnel, equipment, testing supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to Laredo to help combat COVID-19 and support hospitals in the region.

On January 19, Governor Abbott held a roundtable discussion alongside healthcare professionals at Houston Methodist Hospital to highlight his legislative priorities to ensure a healthier future for the state of Texas.

On January 14, Governor Abbott and DSHS announced that that State of Texas has administered more than 1 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine—making Texas the national leader in vaccinations.

On January 12, 2021, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, in partnership with Travis County, the City of Austin, and the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council, has established an Alternate Care Site in Austin to expand hospital capacity in the region.

On January 11, 2021, Governor Abbott held a press conference in Arlington where he provided an update on Texas' COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts.

On January 9, 2021, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has established two new COVID-19 therapeutic infusion centers in Fort Worth and Irving.

On January 8, 2021, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced their Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan initiative will reopen for certain new and existing borrowers. Governor Abbott announced that the TDEM has launched a therapeutic infusion center in Laredo to treat outpatient cases of COVID-19.

On January 4, 2021, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has established a COVID-19 therapeutic infusion center in Austin to treat outpatient cases of COVID-19.

On December 30, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM secured an extension of four Community Based Testing Sites (CBTS) in Houston and Harris County through January 31, 2021 or until the sites reach maximum capacity of conducting 50,000 COVID-19



tests.

On December 28, Governor Abbott and DSHS are alerting nursing facilities to the availability of monoclonal antibody therapies that can be used to treat residents who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

On December 22, Governor Abbott received the COVID-19 vaccine at Ascension-Seton Medical Center in Austin.

On December 18, Governor Abbott held a call with hospital CEOs and representatives across Texas to discuss the importance of COVID-19 therapeutic antibody treatments in the state's fight against COVID-19.

On December 17, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has established a COVID-19 therapeutic infusion center in Harlingen to treat outpatient cases of COVID-19.

On December 14, Governor Abbott visited the White House where he attended a briefing on Operation Warp Speed with Vice President Mike Pence and other state and federal leaders.

On December 11, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will participate in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program, a federal program to vaccinate residents and staff of long-term care facilities against COVID-19.

On December 7, Governor Abbott and TDEM launched a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for front line workers at Texas small businesses.

On December 3, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will provide approximately \$204 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of December as the state continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On December 2, Governor Abbott announced that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has made an initial allotment of over 1.4 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccines to the State of Texas for the month of December.

On November 24, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has established a bamlanivimab infusion wing at the state-run alternate care site (ACS) in El Paso to treat outpatient cases of COVID-19.

On November 23, Governor Abbott and DSHS announced the guiding principles for Texas' COVID-19 vaccine allocation process, which will serve as a foundation for the state's initial distribution for COVID-19 vaccines expected as early as next month.

Texas will initially allocate COVID-19 vaccines based on the following criteria:

- Protecting health care workers who fill a critical role in caring for and preserving the

lives of COVID-19 patients and maintaining the health care infrastructure for all who need it.

- Protecting frontline workers who are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of their work providing critical services and preserving the economy.
- Protecting vulnerable populations who are at greater risk of severe disease and death if they contract COVID-19.
- Mitigating health inequities due to factors such as demographics, poverty, insurance status and geography.
- Data-driven allocations using the best available scientific evidence and epidemiology at the time, allowing for flexibility for local conditions.
- Geographic diversity through a balanced approach that considers access in urban and rural communities and in affected ZIP codes.
- Transparency through sharing allocations with the public and seeking public feedback.

On November 19, Governor Abbott traveled to Lubbock to hold a briefing with local officials and provide an update on the distribution of bamlanivimab, the Eli Lilly & Company monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID-19.

On November 18, Governor Abbott announced a \$420 million reimbursement program to cover costs incurred by Texas public schools that purchased Wi-Fi hotspots and/or eLearning devices (such as laptops, tablets, and Chromebooks) so students could learn remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On November 11, Governor Abbott deployed additional resources to El Paso and Lubbock to help combat COVID-19 in these communities.

On November 10, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas has prepared allocation plans to swiftly distribute medicines and vaccines that are now becoming available to treat COVID-19.

On November 6, Governor Abbott announced that the DoD has deployed three U.S. Air Force Medical Specialty Teams to assist the state's efforts to combat COVID-19 in El Paso. Governor Abbott also renewed the statewide disaster declaration for COVID-19.

On November 5, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will provide approximately \$202 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of November as the state continues its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On October 26, as part of the Trump Administration's comprehensive national effort to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist the nation's Governors in doing so, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is sending 8,730,000 state-of-the-art Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 point of care antigen tests to the State of Texas.

On October 25, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM is establishing an alternate care site (ACS) in El Paso to expand hospital capacity in the region.

On October 24, Governor Abbott held a call with Dr. Robert Kadlec, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), to discuss hospital capacity needs in the City of El Paso.

On October 22, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS and TDEM are surging additional medical personnel and equipment to the El Paso region to assist with the community's COVID-19 response.

On October 16, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS and TDEM have surged medical personnel, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Panhandle and South Plains areas to support hospitals in their COVID-19 response.

On October 15, TDEM updated the criteria for a county exemption from the Texas Executive Order GA-29 face-covering requirement. The county must have 30 or fewer new COVID-19 cases during the previous 14-day period.

On October 14, Governor Abbott, TEA, and TDEM announced the creation of a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems.

On October 12, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS and TDEM have surged medical personnel and PPE to El Paso to help combat COVID-19 and support hospitals in the region.

On October 9, Governor Abbott announced the HHSC will receive more than \$20 million in additional federal funding for disaster crisis counseling services for Texans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On October 8, Governor Abbott amended the paragraph of Executive Order GA-31 that defines areas with high hospitalizations.

On October 7, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to open bars and similar establishments at up to 50% capacity in conjunction with county officials. The Governor's Executive Order also increases the occupancy levels for all business establishments other than bars to 75%. Governor Abbott renewed the State Disaster Declaration for COVID-19.

On October 2, Governor Abbott and HHSC announced \$3.5 million in federal funding for nursing facilities to purchase plexiglass barriers and tents to allow for safe visitation during the COVID- 19 pandemic.

On September 30, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is partnering with the State of Texas and local officials to offer temporary COVID-19 surge testing in McLennan County. Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will provide approximately \$196 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of October as the state continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On September 25, Governor Abbott announced that Texas' major health insurers have agreed to continue reimbursing network health care providers for telehealth appointments at the same rate which they pay for office visits through the end of 2020. Also, Governor Abbott announced the allocation of over \$171 million in funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which will primarily be used for targeted rental assistance for Texans at risk of becoming homeless due to eviction.

On September 17, Governor Abbot issued Executive Orders expanding occupancy levels at 75% for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries, and re-authorizing elective surgeries for a majority of the state of Texas beginning September 21. Three of the 22 TSAs (S-Victoria, T-Laredo, and V-Lower Rio Grande Valley) must remain at 50% occupancy and continue postponing elective surgeries until the hospitalization metric requirements are met.

On September 7, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation extending his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19.

On August 31, Governor Abbott announced the Texas HHSC will provide approximately \$188 million in emergency SNAP food benefits for the month of September as Texas continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 21, Governor Abbott issued a statement after the federal government approved nearly \$1.4 billion in initial funds made available through President Trump's Lost Wage Assistance Executive Order.

On August 20, Governor Abbott announced that TEA, in partnership with Local Education Agencies, has procured more than 1 million personal devices and internet WiFi hotspots as part of the State's Operation Connectivity Initiative.

On August 13, Governor Abbott traveled to El Paso to meet with state representatives and local leaders to discuss the community's response to COVID-19.

On August 12, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. HHS has extended operations for four temporary COVID-19 surge testing sites in Harris County.

On August 11, Governor Abbott traveled to Beaumont and Victoria to hold a briefing with local officials and state representatives on the ongoing COVID-19 response in Jefferson County.

On August 8, Governor Abbott extended his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19.

On August 7, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. HHS has established four temporary COVID-19 surge testing sites. For hours of operation and registration

details, visit [www.doineedacovid19test.com](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com).

On August 6, Governor Abbott announced that the Houston Astros and TDEM have teamed up to open a free COVID-19 testing site at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The testing site will be able to process 2,000 tests per day and began operations on Saturday, August 8. Testing will run from 8:00 AM through 4:00 PM seven days per week. To book an appointment and learn more, visit [Texas.curativeinc.com](http://Texas.curativeinc.com).

On August 4, Governor Abbott visited the McAllen Convention Center for the opening of the temporary health care facility which will help increase the Rio Grande Valley's hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Abbott also announced that President Trump has extended federal funding for the Texas National Guard's mission to help combat COVID-19 in communities across the state.

On July 31, Governor Abbott held virtual meetings with Mayors, County Judges, Emergency Managers, Hospital Executives, State Legislators, and other local officials from the cities of Laredo and Eagle Pass to discuss ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On July 24, Governor Abbott and TMD announced Joint Task Force Texas, a newly formed partnership between the Texas National Guard and Active Duty and Reservists to strengthen COVID-19 response efforts in Texas. Texas Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Thomas Suelzer, appointed as the dual-status commander, serves as the commander of both Texas National Guard and federal service members.

On July 23, The Office of The Governor and Guadalupe Zamora, MD, of Zamora Medical Center released a new English-Spanish language public service announcement (PSA) urging communities to work together to protect vulnerable Texans from COVID-19.

On July 22, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will allocate an additional \$118 million in federal funding to support higher education in Texas, including \$93 million to help students continue or restart their progress toward earning a post-secondary credential or degree.

On July 21, Governor Abbott held virtual meetings with mayors, county judges, emergency managers, hospital executives, state legislators, and other local officials from Cameron and Hidalgo Counties to discuss the unified efforts to combat COVID-19 in these communities.

On July 19, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Defense has sent five U.S. Navy teams to four locations in South and Southwest Texas to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

On July 17, Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, House Speaker Bonnen, Senate Finance Committee Chair Nelson, Vice Chair Hinojosa, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Capriglione and Vice Chair Longoria announced that the State of Texas will allocate \$200 million in CARES Act funding to the TEA for the

purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students that lack connectivity.

On July 15, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide \$41 million in federal funds to assist cities and counties throughout the COVID-19 response.

On July 13, Governor Abbott announced that the DoD has activated additional U.S. Army Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces (UAMTF) to assist the state's efforts to combat COVID-19.

On July 10, Governor Abbott extended the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation to further mitigate the spread of the virus. He also announced that Omnicare, a CVS Health company, is partnering with the State of Texas to provide COVID-19 point of care testing for assisted living facilities and nursing homes throughout the state.

On July 9, Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation suspending elective surgeries in hospitals in all counties located within 11 Trauma Service Areas (TSAs) in Texas.

On July 8, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will invest \$57 million in federal funds to maintain the state's need-based financial aid programs and keep more students enrolled at their colleges and universities.

On July 4, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS is distributing 448 cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 157 hospitals across Texas.

On July 2, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over ten people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than ten and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others. Governor Abbott and HHSC announced that \$2.67 billion in federal funding has been approved to support Texas hospitals that provide care for people receiving Medicaid.

On June 30, Governor Abbott and HHSC announced \$9 million in federal funding for nursing facilities to implement infection control. Also, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending elective surgeries at hospitals in Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces, and Webb counties to help ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients in these communities.

On June 26, Governor Abbott issued an executive order limiting certain businesses and services as part of the state's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. Governor Abbott also announced that the federal government has granted his request to extend operations of Community Based Testing Sites across Texas.



On June 25, the HHSC enacted new emergency rules related to health and safety standards for child day care operations. Governor Abbott also issued an Executive Order to ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients as Texas faces an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

On June 24, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, in partnership with the TMD, will begin distributing 3-ply surgical masks to every Texan who undergoes COVID-19 testing at state-run mobile test collection sites.

On June 23, As COVID-19 cases rise in Texas, Governor Abbott has expanded the ability of mayors and county judges to impose restrictions on outdoor gatherings of over 100 people.

On June 16, Governor Abbott and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas (UT) System John Zerwas, MD, provided an update on Texas' hospital capacity.

On June 11, Governor Abbott extended the Disaster Declaration for all counties in the State of Texas amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 9, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS is distributing additional cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 85 hospitals across 34 counties in Texas.

On June 8, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM is coordinating with local officials, public health officials, and emergency management offices in cities across the state to identify and rapidly expand COVID-19 testing in underserved and minority communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus.

On June 3, Governor Abbott announced the third phase of the State of Texas' plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III, effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions.

On May 27, Governor Abbott and HHSC announced \$3.6 million in funding for nursing facilities to purchase tablets, webcams, and headphones to connect residents with their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 21, Governor Greg Abbott directed HHSC to expand COVID-19 testing to all patients, residents, and staff at the 23 state-operated inpatient psychiatric hospitals and living centers throughout Texas.

On May 15, Governor Abbott and TDEM announced that local fire departments in Texas are partnering with local public health authorities to provide testing in nursing homes throughout the state.

On May 14, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas National Guard has activated



Facilities Disinfection Teams to support Texans in nursing homes and to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

On May 13, Governor Abbott waived license renewal late fees that accrued between March 13 and June 15, 2020 for occupational licenses issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

On May 12, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide more than \$1 billion in food benefits through the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or discounted school meals due to COVID-19-related school closures.

On May 11, Governor Abbott directed HHSC, TDEM, and DSHS to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes.

On May 8, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has applied for FEMA Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) assistance funding to provide financial support to Texas' network of food banks.

On May 6, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received \$5.8 million in federal funding to provide crisis counseling services to Texans who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 30, Governor Abbott announced that TWC has issued new guidance to unemployment claimants concerning their eligibility for unemployment benefits should they choose not to return to work at this time due to COVID-19.

On April 27, Governor Abbott announced the first phase of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open Texas while minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas A&M Service will provide a series of free online trainings to help local officials understand, acquire, and administer federal assistance available to the state of Texas and municipalities through the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and recently passed CARES Act. Governor Abbott also announced that HHSC will receive nearly \$54 million in federal funds to support older Texans and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 response.

On April 22, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain restrictions to allow Texas higher education institutions to transfer all unexpended student financial aid funds from the Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) program to other financial aid programs that do not have a work- study requirement to ensure students will continue receiving financial assistance.

On April 20, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas National Guard will be mobilizing more than 1,200 personnel as part of COVID-19 mobile testing teams

(MTT). With reports of elevated scams and fraudulent activity preying on the public and consumers disguised as COVID-19 relief and assistance, local, state, and federal response includes guidance, investigation, and prosecution.

- Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus>
- Texas Attorney General: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov>
- US Attorney's Office: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/report-covid-19-fraud>
- Federal Communications Commission: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>

On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has adopted an emergency rule to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response.

On April 8, Governor Abbott suspended certain statutes concerning appearance before a notary public to execute a self-proved will, a durable power of attorney, a medical power of attorney, a directive to physician, or an oath of an executor, administrator, or guardian. Governor Abbott also announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide a one-time emergency waiver of the federally required cash or in-kind match contribution required for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funds. Also, Governor Abbott announced that Texas HHSC will provide more than \$168 million in emergency SNAP food benefits to help Texans during the COVID-19 response.

On April 6, HHSC, Texas WIC, the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, is expanding the number of food items eligible for purchase through the program.

On April 5, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulations to expand the health care workforce to assist with Texas' COVID-19 response.

On April 3, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on Texas hospital capacity. Texas has increased by over 140% since March 18.

On April 1, Governor Abbott and TDHCA took initial action to provide tenant-based rental assistance for Texans experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

On March 31, Governor Abbott announced the Comfort Food Care Package (CFCP) program to provide meals for at-risk youth and families in communities across Texas as the state responds to COVID-19.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas. The Governor also waived certain licensing renewal regulations for Texas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees.

On March 27, Governor Abbott announced the deployment of three National Guard

Joint Task Force Brigades. The 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the 176th Engineer Brigade.

On March 25, Governor Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4485) for the State of Texas.

On March 23, Governor Abbott sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Texas based on the continued impact of COVID-19. Chief Nim Kidd has been designated the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer, tasked with continuing his coordination with FEMA on all matters related to COVID-19.

On March 20, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) warned consumers about unauthorized fraudulent coronavirus tests. Governor Abbott also announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has included the entire state of Texas in its Economic Injury Disaster Declaration and granted access to its Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.

On March 19, the Commissioner of the DSHS, Dr. John Hellerstedt, issued a Public Health Disaster Declaration in Texas. Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections. Governor Abbott and TEA announced a collaboration with Local Education Agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students Meal Finder Map which will allow Texas parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals in their communities.

On March 17, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations and directed that the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issue an emergency rule, relating to telemedicine care for patients with state-regulated insurance plans.

On March 14, Governor Abbott, directed the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBN) to fast-track the temporary licensing of out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, certain retired physicians, nurses, and other license types to assist in Texas' response to COVID-19.

On March 13, the President of the United States Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 global pandemic is a national emergency. On the same day, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat in the state and declared a state of disaster for all 254 counties in Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller announced TDA has been granted flexibility from the federal school meal program to allow Texas schools to continue to provide meals to students even if temporarily closed.

### **Texas COVID-19 Cases, April 6, 2021**

County of Residence	Cases	County of Residence	Cases	County of Residence	Cases	County of Residence	Cases
Anderson	4,744	Donley	185	Kaufman	13,097	Real	274
Andrews	1,809	Duval	1,093	Kendall	1,659	Red River	399
Angelina	4,787	Eastland	933	Kenedy	18	Reeves	1,010
Aransas	930	Ector	8,571	Kent	41	Refugio	570
Archer	685	Edwards	199	Kerr	2,223	Roberts	56
Armstrong	112	El Paso	130,457	Kimble	208	Robertson	1,653
Atascosa	4,195	Ellis	18,621	King	5	Rockwall	9,106
Austin	1,706	Erath	2,801	Kinney	326	Runnels	779
Bailey	589	Falls	1,836	Kleberg	1,886	Rusk	2,190
Bandera	950	Fannin	2,586	Knox	171	Sabine	167
Bastrop	6,821	Fayette	1,550	La Salle	905	San Augustine	328
Baylor	125	Fisher	292	Lamar	2,643	San Jacinto	819
Bee	3,096	Floyd	329	Lamb	1,598	San Patricio	3,228
Bell	21,724	Foard	87	Lampasas	1,789	San Saba	541
Bexar	174,550	Fort Bend	55,041	Lavaca	1,927	Schleicher	121
Blanco	585	Franklin	495	Lee	990	Scurry	2,330
Borden	22	Freestone	1,065	Leon	1,254	Shackelford	127
Bosque	1,337	Frio	2,155	Liberty	5,705	Shelby	907
Bowie	4,685	Gaines	1,421	Limestone	2,094	Sherman	183
Brazoria	29,778	Galveston	32,099	Lipscomb	284	Smith	11,428
Brazos	21,353	Garza	226	Live Oak	866	Somervell	586
Brewster	831	Gillespie	1,683	Llano	1,139	Starr	7,646
Briscoe	77	Glasscock	40	Loving	1	Stephens	427
Brooks	658	Goliad	279	Lubbock	48,647	Sterling	49
Brown	1,965	Gonzales	2,338	Lynn	616	Stonewall	49
Burleson	1,912	Gray	1,744	Madison	1,689	Sutton	283
Burnet	4,012	Grayson	11,098	Marion	342	Swisher	419
Caldwell	5,098	Gregg	6,039	Martin	363	Tarrant	212,061
Calhoun	1,768	Grimes	3,224	Mason	243	Taylor	7,140
Callahan	602	Guadalupe	10,539	Matagorda	3,090	Terrell	65
Cameron	38,864	Hale	6,084	Maverick	10,362	Terry	1,686
Camp	809	Hall	336	McCulloch	407	Throckmorton	50
Carson	275	Hamilton	703	McLennan	26,236	Titus	2,693
Cass	1,168	Hansford	369	McMullen	64	Tom Green	4,616
Castro	668	Hardeman	314	Medina	3,729	Travis	79,645
Chambers	4,647	Hardin	2,567	Menard	142	Trinity	500
Cherokee	2,250	Harris	379,485	Midland	17,041	Tyler	566
Childress	1,299	Harrison	2,420	Milam	1,392	Upshur	1,325
Clay	934	Hartley	513	Mills	589	Upton	71
Cochran	231	Haskell	200	Mitchell	599	Uvalde	3,411

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Coke	217	Hays	17,337	Montague	1,750	Val Verde	7,797
Coleman	482	Hemphill	516	Montgomery	40,244	Van Zandt	2,581
Collin	72,340	Henderson	3,818	Moore	2,001	Victoria	8,178
Collingsworth	221	Hidalgo	56,534	Morris	571	Walker	7,775
Colorado	1,356	Hill	3,735	Motley	39	Waller	3,298
Comal	5,165	Hockley	2,149	Nacogdoches	3,320	Ward	689
Comanche	1,168	Hood	4,264	Navarro	3,417	Washington	3,184
Concho	232	Hopkins	1,579	Newton	293	Webb	43,244
Cooke	3,134	Houston	875	Nolan	1,525	Wharton	3,510
Coryell	6,788	Howard	3,001	Nueces	26,525	Wheeler	443
Cottle	143	Hudspeth	432	Ochiltree	957	Wichita	14,845
Crane	202	Hunt	5,498	Oldham	123	Wilbarger	1,608
Crockett	220	Hutchinson	1,185	Orange	4,015	Willacy	2,380
Crosby	329	Irion	52	Palo Pinto	2,471	Williamson	37,372
Culberson	334	Jack	521	Panola	970	Wilson	3,194
Dallam	800	Jackson	1,492	Parker	12,236	Winkler	560
Dallas	252,656	Jasper	954	Parmer	881	Wise	5,987
Dawson	1,722	Jeff Davis	149	Pecos	1,304	Wood	1,943
Deaf Smith	2,018	Jefferson	19,012	Polk	1,419	Yoakum	867
Delta	178	Jim Hogg	576	Potter	17,208	Young	1,909
Denton	53,502	Jim Wells	3,597	Presidio	639	Zapata	1,553
DeWitt	1,891	Johnson	16,567	Rains	395	Zavala	1,640
Dickens	105	Jones	2,017	Randall	16,520	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,408,440</b>
Dimmit	1,545	Karnes	1,702	Reagan	198		

DSHS will update the state case count each day by 4:00 PM Central Time.

### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

1. Protect life and property.
2. Protect vulnerable populations.
3. Support rapid & effective response.
4. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
5. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
6. Expand and maximize bed capacity.
7. Develop alternative care sites to support local governments and the health care systems.
8. Acquire supplies/equipment to support health care and testing.
9. Ensure visibility on progression of the disease.
10. Support local governments.

### RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

#### Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas A&M University System

**(TDEM):** The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as severe weather messages, and preparing Snapshots and the state SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners and various members of the public health community to assist with unmet needs and resources.

TMD/EMTF Total Collection to date at – 509,057.  
Total Nursing Home tests collected to date – 109,479.  
Private vendor testing Total collection to date – 2,034,228.  
Private and Military 2,548,775 w/out TDJC

QRF functions with private vendor engagement underway. As of November 16, 60 missions. Zero STARs open.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** [Pony Express Team members made the following deliveries/retrievals yesterday:](#)

- [8 bundles or pallets prepared at Armories.](#)
- [1 PPE delivery to schools, county/governmental facilities, Fire Dept.](#)
- [1 Delivery of test specimen kits \(Cue, curatives and VTM\).](#)
- [160 Binax tests & PPE delivered to 2 School Districts.](#)
- [2,400 Binax tests delivered to 4 Nursing Homes.](#)
- [80 Binax tests delivered to 1 County or Government Facilities.](#)
- [7,773 Vaccines delivered to 6 Public Health Dept, MVT's or Medical Facilities.](#)
- [560 Vaccines delivered to 1 RSA.](#)

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX):** TEEX continues to coordinate operations from the SOC and the 8 IST Resource Staging Areas (RSA) throughout Texas in 11 distribution locations. TEEX currently has [53](#) personnel deployed to support ongoing response activities throughout the state to support the COVID-19 response.

TEEX is also part of the Pony Express Team coordinating with TDEM, AgriLife, DPS, TPWD, TDEM, TX-TF1, EMTF, CAP, and TMD in moving resources around the state in support of the COVID response mission.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS currently has 4 personnel assigned to support the ongoing COVID-19 Response activities. Resources are providing logistical support to the TDEM at warehouses and at the SOC.

**TFS Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):** [April 6, Dallas reports](#)



that Shot Team (ST)105 is in Palo Pinto County. ST106 will be on SNF missions all week. ST107 is in Mt Pleasant for a TMD mission. ST108 is in Hopkins County with TMD. Houston reports that ST203 is in Washington County for a shot site, ST207 is in Leon County for a mission, ST208 is in Madison County for a mission, and 209 is at the Washington County Shot Site. Weslaco reports that ST308 had two missions on Tuesday at Brownsville. ST309 is at the McAllen RSA helping. ST306 and ST307 are at the CC RSA helping. El Paso reports that they worked one NH mission Tuesday and continue to plan assignments and work on documentation. Lubbock reports ST503 worked a healthcare facility in Graham on Tuesday. Austin reported that ST601 worked a mission in Bastrop and will demobilize at end of day. ST602 assigned to Austin RSA to schedule two Nursing Home missions. ST603 assigned to two Nursing Home missions. ST604 assigned to Austin RSA to schedule three Nursing Home missions. ST605 assigned to Austin RSA to schedule one Nursing Home mission, training with ST602, and ST604 LNO - At San Antonio RSA, calling on Nursing Homes.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** The TAHC is activated virtually in support of the state response to the outbreak of COVID-19. The TAHC is working with state and federal One Health partners to ensure consistent public information messaging for how to deal with animals in the context of potential COVID-19 exposure. TAHC has activated virtually on-call to the SOC, is participating in ESF-11 and One Health calls for situational awareness, and is on standby to provide expertise and support, as necessary. The TAHC supports assessing Texas animals for COVID-19 testing and tracks testing results: to date, 56 (23 Canines, 27 Felines, 4 Tigers, 1 Cougar & 1 Lion) animals in Texas have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. TAHC has conducted 59 Animal Assessments to date.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage.  
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/covid-19/tceq-preparedness-responsibilities-covid-19>

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ):** TDCJ will resume in-person visitations at all state prisons beginning March 15 after stoppage due to COVID-19.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** The TXDPS Aviation Operations Division (AOD) is currently providing transportation of vaccines to health providers and TMD vaccination sites working in coordination with TEEX and AgriLife.

Since March 26, 2020 DPS Aviation has conducted approximately 458 flights, totaling 1,476 hours of flight time, and has transported approximately 96,000 vaccines around the state in support of COVID-19 Air Bridge.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS Call Center Activities: [The Call Center has received 47,287 calls and 41,449 emails to date.](#) The Call Center continues to operate Monday-Friday from 8:00AM -6:00PM and Saturday-Sunday from



8:00AM – 5:00PM.

Due to decreasing hospitalization numbers, the SMOC continues to demobilize medical surge staff that have been deployed across the state. The new demobilization process for medical personnel deployed to the HPPs no longer requires approval from the Governor's Office. Over 10,842 staff have officially been demobilized.

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** EMTF continues to support COVID-19 response in 8 EMTF Regions with 21 personnel across the state.

**Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):**

- TDLR continues to update their website's COVID-19 page (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/covid19.htm>) with the latest developments affecting their licensees and the public, including the impacts of Governor Abbott's Executive Order 34 on the industries they regulate, such as barbershops, salons, and massage establishments.
- A searchable database of all emergency licenses is now available here: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/emergency-licenses.htm>
- TDLR will not issue printed emergency licenses, and licensees are not required to post or display proof of an emergency license. Anyone needing verification or authorization of an emergency license should be directed to this webpage: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/emergency-licenses.htm>
- All TDLR licensees with a renewable license that expired between August 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 will be considered to hold an emergency license valid for up to 120 days after their expiration date.
- TDLR previously adopted an emergency rule granting the emergency licenses on November 23. The original extension involved licenses that expired between August 1 and November 30, 2020. This additional extension was approved by TDLR Executive Director Brian E. Francis.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** To view TEA support and guidance for school districts regarding COVID-19 please visit <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>.

COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems update: (BinaxNOW School Testing Project)

Number of School Districts/Systems

- 845 school districts/systems have opted in
- 1,153 deliveries have been made to school districts/systems overall

Number of Tests\*

- 1,712,326 tests have been requested

- 1,853,915 tests have already been distributed
- 59,320 tests have been returned due to opting out or not being able to use before expiration date

\*Number distributed exceeds number requested due to delivery of full box quantities

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD currently has 2,214 personnel in support of COVID-19 Response. TMD General Support Units are staged in Tyler, Dallas, Lubbock, El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Corpus Christi, Weslaco, and Midland to implement the TDEM distribution plan to the RSAs/RACs. TMD is supporting DDC 8 El Paso with mortuary affairs. TMD is supporting a call center and battalion HQ to support TDEM. TMD is supporting food bank operations in Tarrant County, Coastal Bend, San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley, Laredo, West Texas, El Paso, Montgomery County, and North Texas and have distributed 27,848,497 meals (33,418,196 pounds of food). TMD has deployed testing teams to the State Capitol, Camp Mabry, and Austin. TMD has activated TMD Healthcare Vaccine Support personnel to support TDEM and currently has Vaccination Teams in Terrell, Cleburne, Mineral Wells, Mount Pleasant, Fort Worth, Bridgeport, Flower Mound, Denton, Allen, Frisco, New Boston, Garland, Lubbock, Memphis, Haskell, Bowie, Breckenridge, Brownfield, El Paso (3X), Midland, Alpine, Eden, Marble Falls, Austin, Lockhart, Waco, Hondo, Hillsboro, Bastrop, San Antonio, La Vernia, Bryan, Mont Belvieu, Shenandoah, Orange, Brenham, Madisonville, Livingston, Buffalo, Conroe, Laredo, Del Rio, and Edinburg.

**Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUC):** PUC has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage. <http://www.puc.texas.gov/covid-19/>

**Texas Wing – Civil Air Patrol (CAP):** CAP provided one ground sortie delivering 1,200 Boxes and 8 pallets of milk in support to the USDA Farmers to Families food distribution at the National Guard Armory in Greenville TX.

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):**  
Unemployment Insurance:

- Call centers are open 7 days a week 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.
- TWC Website, Information for COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Expanded the number of people doing pin and password resets.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife, TAMUS	Specialists/Admin	22		Activated	College Station
AgriLife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife, TAMUS	DAR Extension Agents	18	18	Assigned	Statewide
AgriLife, TAMUS	Incident Support Teams	16	16	Assigned	Regional Advisory Council Areas
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 7	5		Assigned	Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 7	7		Assigned	Austin/Capitol
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 3	6		Assigned	Corpus Christi Weslaco McAllen
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 8	4		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 2	5		Assigned	El Paso Midland
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 4	10		Assigned	San Antonio
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 6	5		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 1	3		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST) Reg 5	4		Assigned	Houston
TEEX, TAMUS	SOC Liaisons	7		Assigned	Remote SOC Austin
TEEX TAMUS	Vaccine Centers	3		Assigned	Dallas Arlington Houston
TFS, A&M	ESB/ESF 4 Representative	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS, A&M	Logistical Support	3		Assigned	San Antonio Warehouse
TFS, TIFMAS	IMT Members	5		Activated	Porter Fire Station 121
TFS, TIFMAS	LNO's	9		Activated	Statewide & RSOC
TFS, TIFMAS	Shot Team (105, 106, 107, 108)	16	6	Activated	Region 1

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TFS, TIFMAS	Shot Team (203, 207, 208, 209)	16	6	Activated	Region 2
TFS, TIFMAS	Shot Team (306, 307, 308, 309)	16	4	Activated	Region 3
TFS, TIFMAS	Shot Team (405, 406, 407, 408)	14	4	Activated	Region 4
TFS, TIFMAS	Shot Team (501 and 503)	6	2	Activated	Region 5
TFS, TIFMAS	Shot Team (601, 602, 603, 604)	16	7	Activated	Region 6
DPS-THP	Troopers and Patrol Vehicles			Assigned	Statewide
DPS-AOD	Aviation			Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Deployed Medical Staff	15		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	EMTF State Coordinating Office (SCO)	6		Assigned	SOC
DSHS	Angel Med Surge	1,953		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Maxim Med Surge	1,109		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	BCFS Med Surge	3,389		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Case Investigators	2		Assigned	PHR 6/5S Hardin Co.
DSHS	Infection Control Practitioner	7		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Epidemiologists	37		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Data Entry Spec	8		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) – HPP (trailers)		16	Assigned	HPPs
DSHS	FMT – FEMA (trailers)		33	Assigned	Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Conroe, Corsicana, Dallas, Edinburg, El

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
					Paso, Ft. Worth, Kilgore, Mission, Odessa, Rio Grande City, San Antonio, Temple, Tyler, Waco
HHSC	SOC Liaison	4		Assigned	SOC/Austin
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Virtual
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	Remote
TMD	BDE JTF Mission Command	100		Assigned	Austin
TMD	BN Mission Command – TF Support	29		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Testing Strike Team	6		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Contact Tracing	10		Assigned	Austin
TMD	RSA-HQ	8		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RSA-ABIA	4		Assigned	Austin-Bergstrom Int'l Airport
TMD	RAC-Austin	8		Assigned	Austin
TMD	RSA-Corpus	3		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	RAC-Corpus	5		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	RSA-Redbird	8		Assigned	Dallas (Redbird)
TMD	RSA-El Paso	7		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	RAC-El Paso	4		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	RSA-Lubbock	4		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	RSA-Lufkin TDEM	3		Assigned	Lufkin
TMD	RSA-Midland	4		Assigned	Midland
TMD	RSA-SA TDEM SSA	17		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RSA-San Antonio	12		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RAC-San Antonio	4		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RSA-Tyler	6		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	RAC-Tyler	2		Assigned	Tyler

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	RSA-Weslaco	6		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	RAC-Weslaco	6		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	RSA-Westheimer	6		Assigned	Westheimer
TMD	RSA-Standby	0		Assigned	Various
TMD	GSU El Paso-Mortuary	37		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	GSU San Antonio Food Bank	66		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	GSU RGV Food Bank	33		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	GSU Coastal Bend Food Bank	14		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	GSU Tarrant County Food Bank	34		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	GSU South Texas Food Bank	33		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	GSU Laredo Regional Food Bank	26		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	GSU Montgomery County Food Bank	10		Assigned	Conroe
TMD	GSU- West Texas Food Bank	21		Assigned	Midland
TMD	GSU El Paso Food Bank	91		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	GSU North Texas Food Bank	34		Assigned	Plano
TMD	TF COVAX HQ (BNMC)	52		Assigned	Austin
TMD	COVAX Support CO HQ	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	MOBILE VAC TEAM (TF North)	422		Assigned	Various
TMD	MOBILE VAC TEAM (TF Central)	410		Assigned	Various
TMD	MOBILE VAC TEAM (TF South)	390		Assigned	Various
TMD	Capitol Testing Team	59		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TDEM Call Center	75		Assigned	Austin
TMD	BN Mission CMD Call Center - BNMC	0		Assigned	Austin
TMD	VAC Admin Support GSU	10		Assigned	Chambers Co
TMD	VAC Admin Support GSU & HQ	10		Assigned	Hardin & Orange Co
TMD	VAC Admin Support	2		Assigned	Gatesville

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
	GSU				
TMD	Adaptive Battle Staff - JFHQ	97		Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Support Team	25		Assigned	Austin-SOC
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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